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1. SCI COUNSELOR OCT 5 GAVE TO AYKAZYAN THE ROOT LETTER TRANSMITTED REFTEL. AFTER CAREFUL READING, AYKAZYAN STATED THAT THE IDEAS CONTAINED IN THE LETTER ON THE 12 AREAS OF COOPERATION WERE "REASONABLE"

HE INDICATED THAT THE SOVIET WORKING GROUP CO-CHAIRMEN WILL GIVE HIM THEIR REPORTS BY OCT 10, AND HE OPES TO TRANSMIT THE SOVIET COMMENTS TO ROOT SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

2. AYKAZYAN HAD THE FOLOWING COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC TOPICS IN THE ROOT LETTER.

A. DATES. AYKAZYAN SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY QUERIED KIRILLIN ABOUT HIS AVAILABILITY TO ATTEND THE FIFTH JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, TO WHICH KIRILLIN REPEATED THAT HE WILL BE AVAILABLE ANYTIME IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY. AYKAZYAN HAS NO INFORMATION ABOUT KIRILLIN'S SUBSEQUENT AVAILABILITY. HE STATED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO HIM TO HAVE THE SPECIFIC DATE DR. STEVER COULD HOLD THE MEETING AVAILABLE BEFORE AYKAZYAN'S DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW. PLEASE ADVISE.

B. MICROBIOLOGY. AYKAZYAN STATED THAT SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN SHENDEREY WAS UNABLE TO CORRDATE AN ANSWER TO DR. STEVER'S
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JUL 27 LETTER CONCERNING GEOMICROBIOLOGY AND HAD REQUESTED

HELP FROM THE SCST. AYKAZYAN STATED THE MINISTRY OF GEOLOGY IS DEFINITELY INTERESTED AND HE IS WAITING RESPONSES FROM THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND THE MINISTRY OF NON-FERROUS METALS. HE STATED THE DELAYS IN RESPONSES FROM THESE TWO ORTAIZATION WERE DUE TO ABSENCES OF ILLNESS OR LEAVE OF KEY INDIVIDUALS BUT THAT HE EXPECTED REPLIES VERY SOON. HE FELT THAT ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ATTITUDE WAS A KEY TO THE SOVIET RESPONSE SINCE IT WAS CONCERNED WITH THE BASIC RESEARCH IN THIS AREA; THE MINISTRIES INTERESTED WOULD BE MORE ORIENTED TOWARD COOPERATION WITH U.S. INDUSTRY, WHICH AYKAZYAN RECOGNIZED MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH. AYKAZYAN NOTED WITH SOME IRRITATION THAT SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN SHENDEREY HAD RECENTLY SENT A CABLE TO U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN LIESE, POSTPONING INDEFINITELY A MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP IN THIS AREA WITHOUT CLEARING IT WITH THE SCST (COMMENT: AYKAZYAN'S DISPLEASURE WITH SHENDEREY ON THIS MATTER, PLUS THE FACT THAT THE SCST IS TAKING THE LEAD ON THE GEOMICROBIOLOGY PROJECT, LEADS US TO SUSPECT THAT SHENDEREY'S DAYS AS CO-CHAIRMAN MIGHT BE NUMBERED).

C. PHYSICS. AYKAZYAN NOTED THAT ANISIMOV AND GORKOV OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE WILL BE VISITING THE NAS OCT 14 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH BROOKS ON PHYSICS COOPERATION. HE STATED THAT PHYSICS WOULD PERHAPS BEST BE REMOVED FROM THE S&T AGREEMENT AND TRANSFERRED TO THE NAS AGREEMENT, WHERE HE NOTED THAT SUCCESSFUL EXCHANGES IN THIS FIELD ARE TAKING PLACE.

D. SCINCE POLICY. AYKAZYAN NOTED THAT CO-CHAIRMAN SKLYAROV WILL ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS U.S. TRIP, AND INDICATED HE HOPED SKLYAROV WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO TLAK WITH ROOT IN WASHINGTON ON THE FUTURE OF THIS PROJECT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ROOT'S RESPONSE TO THIS SUGGESTING FOR A MEETING WITH SKLYAROV.

E. STANDARDIZATION. AYKAZYAN NOTED THE SOVIET SIDE MAY HAVE A PROBLEM IN MOVING THIS PROJECT FROM THE S&T AGREEMENT, ADDING HOWEVER THAT THE SUGGESTING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROJECT IN THE ROOT LETTER WAS QUITE REASONABLE.
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